

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. I move for the withdrawal of that by unanimous consent and the substitution with a different date than the first amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No objections, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Marsh would move to amend by adding a new section. (Read Marsh amendment found on page 1060 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I talked about the need for and my concern regarding a sunset provision. This would allow us to take another look after we have had an opportunity, assuming this is going to pass anyway, I don't want it just to be something we have created and don't even know how it is going to work, and I, for one, have some real reservations about the concept. With the sunset provision, we would take another look and evaluate it and go on from there. I ask for your adoption of the amendment and I did extend the time so that it is a three-year period rather than a two-year period. I ask for your adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Higgins, then Senator Schmit. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members, I have discussed the amendment with Senator Marsh. I am not too crazy about sunsets myself. I have been finding a lot of sunset legislation this year on bills that I passed many years ago so it is no fun, but at the same time, it does serve a function, and reluctant as I am to add another sunset, it does make sense in this case. Some of the concern that was expressed on LB 407 was, well, how will it work, how will it function, what about the bugs and the problems that will arise, and I have assured you, I hope, that we will work on this to refine it and make it as positive a piece of legislation as possible. But to alleviate those concerns about exactly how it will work and let you know that we are willing to give it a trial period to see how it will function and then have it sunset and take a look at it